

November 30, 2009

Patricia A. Kurkul
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RE: Final Environmental Impact Statement for Amendment 16 to the Northeast
Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (CEQ # 20090370)

Dear Ms. Kurkul:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, we have reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). EPA reviewed the DEIS earlier this year and provided comments and suggestions related to the project purpose and need, NEPA requirements, Atlantic Halibut minimum size and Atlantic Wolffish. We have no further comments and appreciate the responses provided.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the FEIS. Please contact Timothy Timmermann of EPA's office of Environmental Review at (617) 918-1025 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

/s/

Elizabeth A. Higgins
Director, Office of Environmental Review